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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 764

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mrs. Martha A. Burton and Dr. Roderic N. Burton on the celebration of their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, having met at the University of Tennessee at Nashville, while both of them were working diligently on their master's degrees, Roderic Burton and Martha A. George were joined in holy matrimony on July 3, 1970, and since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roderic N. Burton retired as the highly regarded Head of the Tennessee State University Department of Social Work and the T.S.U. Center on Aging, in both positions he has earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martha A. Burton, who was recently honored as the 2000-2001 Metropolitan Nashville Public School System Teacher of the Year and as the Pearl-Cohn

Comprehensive Business Magnet High School 1999-2000 Teacher of the Year, teaches the Careers With Children curriculum at Pearl-Cohn High School; and

WHEREAS, both of these exemplary citizens have a splendid record of community service; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced three sons, Quintin, Nathan and Roderic Marthel, each of whom has excelled in his particular field of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, for 30 exciting years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Burton 's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we join their family and many friends in wishing Martha and Roderic Burton a joyous celebration of their thirtieth wedding anniversary and continued future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, with this last resolving clause deleted, be presented to the Burtons.